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In Re Application of: Michael G. TOVEY et al

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Transmitted herewith is a [X] Amendment [ ] _____
in the above-identified application.

[XX] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[ ] No additional fee is required.

[XX] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS	SMALL ENTITY RATE	SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL FEE	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	* 69	MINUS	** 69	0	x 25	$		x 50	$
INDEP.	* 4	MINUS	*** 4	0	x 100	$		x 200	$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ 180	$		+ 360	$
					ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	$	OR	TOTAL	$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time
If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[XX] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity Response Filed Within		Other Than Small Entity Response Filed Within	
[ ] First	- $ 60.00	[ ] First	- $ 120.00
[XX] Second	- $ 225.00	[ ] Second	- $ 450.00
[ ] Third	- $ 510.00	[ ] Third	- $ 1020.00
[ ] Fourth	- $ 795.00	[ ] Fourth	- $ 1590.00
Month After Time Period Set		Month After Time Period Set	

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[ ] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of $_____.

[XX] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of $ 225.00.

[ ] A check in the amount of $_____ is attached (check no.).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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